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SUBJECT: GERMAN/TURKISH RELATIONS

REFS: (A) BONN 20474; (B) BONN 203LL; (C) BONN 20589;

(D) BONN 19824

SUMMARY: TURKISH DESK OFFICER IN FONOFF CONFIRMED
LARGE COMMERCIAL ARMS DEAL WITH TURKEY, ON WHICH GOVERN-
MENT HAS NOT YET BEEN CONSULTED. HE CLAIMS THAT
EXPULSION OF GERMAN JOURNALISTS WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON
BILATERAL RELATIONS. FINALLY, HE SEES NO SOLUTION TO
TURKISHWORKER ISSUE IN EC-TURKISH RELATIONS. END
SUMMARY.

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1. FRG ARMS:

OUR SOURCE CONFIRMED INFORMATION IN BONN 20474. HE ADDED THAT THE GERMAN FIRMS INVOLVED IN THE SALEDZHT CONSULTED WITH THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT BEFORE CONCLUDING THE DEAL. ALSO, THEY HAVE NOT YET SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR A HERMES GUARANTEE. WHEN THEY DO, THE FONOFF (WITFMOD) WILL ARGUE FOR APPROVAL, CITING THE DISLOCATIONS IN EC-TURKISH NEGOTIATIONS (SEE BELOW) AS AN ADVERSE DEVELOPMENT WHICH SHOULD BE OFFSET BY SOME POSITIVE MOVE, SUCH AS APPROVAL OF THE HERMES GUARANTEE. OUR SOURCE EXPECTS OPPOSITION FROM THE ECONOMICS AND FINANCE MINISTRIES. HE CLAIMED THE NUMBER OF LEOPARD TANKS INVOLVED IS 170 (NOT 150 AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS) AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN "ASTONISHINGLY LITTLE" REACTION FROM GREECE.

2. EXPULSION OF JOURNALISTS:

THE ARREST AND EXPULSION OF THREE FRG JOURNALISTS SHOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON GERMAN/TURKISH RELATIONS. ONE OF THE JOURNALISTS IS KNOWN FOR HIS LEFT-WING VIEWS, HAD WRITTEN A BOOK QUESTIONING FRG "SUPPORT OF REPRESSIVE TURKISH REGIME," AND HAD CONTACT WITH LEFTISTS -- INCLUDING SOME KURDS -- IN TURKEY. ANOTHER CLAIMED SHE HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL TO INVESTIGATE POLICE BRUTALITY IN TURKEY. GIVEN THESE VIEWS, THE FONOFF IS NOT SURPRISED AT THEIR ARREST AND EXPULSION. IT DOES NOT PLAN TO REACT.

3. TURKEY AND THE EC:

OUR SOURCE DESCRIBED EC-TURKISH RELATIONS AS A "MESS." THE QUESTION OF TURKISH WORKERS IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL ON WHICH PROGRESS IS BLOCKED BY ONE OR MORE EC STATES. WHILE THE FRG LEADS OPPOSITION WITHIN THE EC TO MORE TURKISH WORKERS, IT IS (TO CITE OUR SOURCE) SUPPORTED BY OTHER EC MEMBERS. HOWEVER, THE FRG IS READY TO MAKE CONCESSIONS ON IMPORTATION OF TURKISH AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, BUT ITALY AND FRANCE OBJECT. IN ADDITION, THE FRG IS READY TO MAKE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE EIB CREDIT FOR TURKEY (THERE IS A 39 MILLION DM LINE ITEM IN THE '76 BUDGET ALREADY

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APPROVED), BUT THE REST OF THE EC IS NOT PREPARED TO GO FORWARD.

4. ON TURKISH WORKERS, OUR SOURCE CLAIMS THAT NO FINAL FRG GOVERNMENT DECISION HAS BEEN MADE, BUT HE EXPECTS THE DECISION TO BE NEGATIVE. WITHIN THE POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE FONOFF, THE TURKISH DESK HAS ARGUED FOR SECOND PREFERENCE FOR TURKISH WORKERS.

THE YUGOSLAV DESK HAS ARGUED ON POLITICAL GROUNDS THAT
TURKEY SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN PREFERENCE OVER YUGOSLAVIA.
THE RESULT OF THIS DISPUTE SO FAR HAS BEEN A STALE-
MATE AND, IN THE ABSENCE OF A DECISION, OPPOSITION BY
FRG WITHIN EC TO SECOND PREFERENCE FOR TURKISH
WORKERS (WHICH IS CONTRARY TO INFORMATION IN
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5. OUR SOURCE BELIEVES THAT, REGARDLESS OF THE OUT-
COME OF THE POLITICAL DEBATE, THE OPPOSITION OF THE
LABOR MINISTRY WILL EFFECTIVELY BAR NEW TURKISH

WORKERS. IN FACT, THE LABOR MINISTRY IS CURRENTLY REFUSING TO GIVE WIVES OF TURKISH WORKERS WORK PERMITS, THUS INCREASING PRESSURE ON THE WORKERS TO LEAVE THE FRG. CHILDREN ARE GIVEN WORK PERMITS ONLY IF THEY ARRIVED IN THE FRG BEFORE THE BAN ON NEW WORKERS WAS PUBLISHED.

6. UNDERLYING THE POSITION OF THE LABOR MINISTRY IS WIDESPREAD PREFERENCE FOR YUGOSLAV OVER TURKISH
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WORKERS IN INDUSTRY AND THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL. YUGOSLAVS ARE MORE EASILY ASSIMILATED, MORE SKILLED, DO NOT STAY AS LONG, AND BRING FEWER DEPENDENTS.

7. A FINAL COMPLICATING FACTOR IS THAT ANY DECISION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MUST BE CONCURRED IN BY THE LAENDER, ON WHOSE BUDGETS THE BURDEN OF SOCIAL SERVICES LIES. IN SUM, OUR SOURCE SEES NO PROSPECTS OF MORE TURKISH WORKERS BEING ACCEPTED BY THE FRG IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
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